

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	Beat Krattiger, <i>et al.</i>
Application No. 10/694,577	Filing Date: October 27, 2003
Title of Application:	Optical Instrument, in Particular an Endoscope, Having an Interchangeable Head
Confirmation No. 3546	Art Unit: 3739
Examiner	

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

***Response Transmittal and  
Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136[A])***

Dear Sir:

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of two months to respond to the Office Letter mailed on October 5, 2007.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$ 450.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this Application to Account No. 19-4516.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Response to Official Action**

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed **October 5, 2006**.

Please enter this Response to Official Action in the above-referenced application. Enclosed herewith is a Request for a two month extension of time to respond to the aforementioned outstanding Office Action.

Applicant believes that no further fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any further fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.